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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Personnel strength and training activities of Division Frenzlau</u>		
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u>		

1. On 6 July 1954, component units of Division Frenzlau had the following ration strengths:
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| 1st Inf Regt in Finnow | 1,460 men |
| 3d Inf Regt in Broegeheide | 1,350 men |
| Tank regiment in Broegeheide | 466 men |
| Artillery regiment, tank battalion and AAA battalion in Broegeheide | 1,123 men. ¹ |
2. On 28 July, component units of Division Frenzlau had the following ration strengths:

a.	Officers	NCOs and E.
Division headquarters	87	29
Headquarters company	4	68
Motor transport company	7	74
Motor vehicle maintenance company	6	42
Signal battalion, sound and flash ranging battery, bakery company, chemical defense platoon, motor-cycle battalion, drivers' school	total 78	612
b. Headquarters 2d Inf Regt	36	8
Regimental school	8	112
Headquarters platoon		11
Chemical defense squad		7
Artillery staff	5	22
Military band	1	13
Supply platoon		31
Dispensary		12
In prison		8
Motor transport company	9	53
1st Bn	38	291
2d Bn	43	267
3d Bn	41	262
Reconnaissance company	4	26
Signal company	5	37
Engineer company	4	43
AT artillery company	6	45

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AA machine gun company	1	17
Mortar company	5	43
SP gun company	4	21

On 28 July, the other elements of the division had about the same strengths as on 6 July. ¹

3. Between 6 and 19 July, all component units of the division held firing practices with heavy weapons in the Jaegerbrueck area. ¹
In July, the division conducted no major exercises. These exercises were planned for the fall. After 2 August, all AT artillery units of the division were to hold advanced combat practice firing with the AT artillery units of the 2d Inf Regt practicing at the Aelne Heide training area near Prenzlau from 2 to 6 August. Increased training activity on all weapons was observed in July. No combined exercises with Soviet troops were conducted.
4. Between 19 and 23 July, a map maneuver was conducted in the Loeknitz area in which all commanding officers participated and practiced attack and defensive operations of the division. Map maneuvers of Armeegruppe Nord in which officers of all units of Armeegruppe Nord were to participate were planned 28 July to 4 August. Another map maneuver was scheduled to take place from 16 to 19 August and, subsequently, to be repeated in the terrain of the 3d Inf Regt in Broegeheide. ²
5. Officers of the division who were in leading positions were to be detached for one year to the Dresden officer candidate school in the fall of 1954. Armeegruppe Nord ordered that forthwith all cooks were to be trained in preparing food by means of field kitchens. ²
6. Officers of the division headquarters included Colonel Miedel (fnu), commanding officer; Lieutenant Colonel Sommer (fnu), chief of staff; Lieutenant Colonel Alinke (fnu), political officer; Major Schlegel (fnu), deputy political officer; Lieutenant Colonel Decke (fnu), officer in charge of rear services; Captain Richter (fnu), ration supply officer; Captain Ziersch (fnu), officer in charge of ration and equipment; Captain Wichmann, officer in charge of ammunition supply; and Major Piachow (fnu), motor transport officer.
1. Comment. The report indicates that the ration strength of Division Prenzlau averaged 7,000 men in July. It is believed that the actual strength is higher, because those contingents of the units which were outside their posts for firing practices are not included in the ration strength.
2. Comment. The information indicates that the exercises are being thoroughly and systematically prepared. Exercises at reinforced regimental level are expected to take place in late August. The training of the cooks is also a preparation for the maneuver.

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